



CW5 Abel Chavez

CW5 Chavez is the second Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) of the Cyber Center of Excellence assuming the position on 23 June 2016. He enlisted in the US Army on 27 May 1988. He attended Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

His enlisted assignments include the 1/15th FA BN, 2nd IN DIV, Camp Casey, Korea; the 1st PSG, HHC, USAG, Fort Lewis, WA; the 58th SIG BN, 516th SIG BDE, Okinawa, Japan; the 442nd SIG BN, 15th SIG BDE, Fort Gordon, GA. He was promoted to his highest enlisted rank of Sergeant First Class in July 1999. In October 1999, he applied for and was accessed as an Army Warrant Officer. He attended the Warrant Officer Candidate School at the Warrant Officer Career College, Ft. Rucker, AL followed by the 251A Warrant Officer Basic Course at Ft. Gordon, GA.

CW5 Chavez Warrant Officer duty assignment was with the 3/2 Stryker Brigade Ft. Lewis, WA where he served as the Assistant Brigade S6. During this assignment, he deployed to Mosul, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His next duty assignment was with the 1st Corps G6, Ft Lewis, WA where he served as the Telecommunications Officer in charge of the Corps Frequency Management Office and the Corps COMSEC Facility.

His third duty assignment was with the United States Army Southern European Task Force (USASETAF), Vicenza, Italy where he served as the Senior Technical Advisor and Information Assurance Manager. His next duty assignment was with the 21st Theater Sustainment Command

(TSC), Kaiserslautern, Germany where he served as the G6 Senior Technical Advisor and Information Assurance Manager. During this assignment, Chief Chavez submitted an application packet for the new MOS 255S – Information Protection Technician and was ultimately selected to attend the 255S course at Ft. Gordon, GA in January 2011.

Upon graduation from the 255S Course, he was assigned to his fifth duty assignment with the United States Cyber Command (USCC), Ft. Meade, MD where he served in the J33 as the Senior Technical Advisor and Defensive Cyber Operations (DCO) Mission Lead. Additionally, he served as the DCO Subject Matter Expert (SME) on the USCC Cyber Force Implementation Strategy Team where he was responsible for developing the DCO portion of the Cyber Force Concept of Employment and establishment of the Department of Defense (DoD) Cyber Protection Teams (CPT).

He was then reassigned to his most recent duty assignment with the United States Army Cyber Protection Brigade (USACPB), Ft. Gordon, GA where served as the Senior Warrant Officer and Technical Advisor to the Brigade Commander and Staff focusing on providing forces for Defensive Cyberspace Operations and planning support to Army and Combatant Commands world-wide in order to ensure freedom of action in and through cyberspace and to deny the same to our adversaries. Additionally, he was responsible for providing Senior Warrant Officer Leadership and Mentorship to the 156 Warrant Officers assigned to the unit comprised of several branches including Cyber, Signal, Military Intelligence, and Quartermaster.

CW5 Chavez has attended the Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC), Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course (BNCOC), Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course (ANCOC), Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS), Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC), Warrant Officer Advance Course (WOAC), Warrant Officer Staff Course (WOSC), and the Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course (WOSSC).

His major military awards and decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (6 OLC), and the Combat Action Badge. He is also the recipient of the Signal Corps Regimental Association Bronze Order of Mercury.